

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE WITH RESPECT TO MOLDOVA

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for House Resolution 562, which expresses the sense of the House with regard to the United States' special relationship with the Republic of Moldova. I am especially pleased to join my colleague, Congressman JOE PITTS, with whom I co-chair the Congressional Moldova Caucus here in the House, and with whom I am proud to have coauthored the resolution before us here today.

Mr. Speaker, the United States and Moldova have enjoyed a strong and evolving friendship for many years. Since its independence following the fall of the Soviet Union, the Republic of Moldova—like all nascent democracies—has weathered the at-times uncertain path toward a stable, certain future. But the remarkable progress of the past several decades is a testament not only to the tenacity and spirit of the Moldovan people, but also to Moldova's promise and potential as a strong, independent nation in the future.

In the past several years, we have seen Moldova reach a number of milestones on the path toward broader and more comprehensive engagement with Europe—and with the United States. Our House Democracy Partnership witnessed the country's progress first-hand on a 2007 visit. I was pleased to join Congressman PITTS and more than 360 of our colleagues at the end of the last Congress to support a bill that finally removed unnecessary trade barriers between the Republic of Moldova and the United States.

And we were heartened last fall by the initialing of the Association Agreement between Moldova and the European Union in Vilnius—an Agreement that, as noted in the Resolution under consideration here today, was formally signed by the parties on June 27, 2014, just a few weeks ago. This enhanced Association is especially timely given the role played by the Russian Federation in neighboring Ukraine, where the fomenting of unrest and rebellion has ominous implications for the region as a whole.

Lastly, I am particularly pleased to note that the bond between Moldova and the United States lies not just at the national level; North Carolina and Moldova enjoy a significant friendship as "sister states," through the North Carolina-Moldova Partnership. Our National Guard works closely with their counterparts in Moldova through the Guard's State Partnership Program. This close relationship between my state and the Republic of Moldova has brought our citizens together and promises cultural and economic benefits to come.

I congratulate the Republic of Moldova, and the Moldovan people, and look forward to our continued friendship.

GREAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL ART SHOW

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues an upcoming national art show that will showcase America's creativity and diversity. In August, great American art will be displayed on billboards and buses, as well as in airports, malls, movie theaters, and transit centers. This portfolio, known as "Art Everywhere US," was selected by top museums and was guided by online public voting. This unique celebration of American art will showcase leading African-American artists, including Romare Bearden, William H. Johnson, Archibald Motley and Charles White.

Romare Bearden was born in Charlotte, NC, in 1911. At an early age, he moved to New York City as part of the Great Migration. For much of his life, Bearden worked for the New York City Department of Social Services, leaving nights and weekends available for creating art. In 1964, he was appointed the first art director of the Harlem Cultural Council. In Charlotte, the 5.4-acre Romare Bearden Park opened in 2013, in a prime location near BB&T Ballpark. Bearden's 1968 collage of three musicians performing entitled "Soul Three" will be part of Art Everywhere US.

Like Bearden, William H. Johnson (1901–1970) moved from the South to New York, where he became a foremost painter in the Harlem Renaissance. Johnson taught at the Harlem Community Art Center as part of the Roosevelt-era Works Progress Administration (WPA) Federal Art Project. Johnson died in obscurity in 1970, but his artwork, which numbers more than 1,000, bear witness to one of America's most important painters. Johnson's "Blind Singer" will be displayed via Art Everywhere US.

Archibald Motley (1891–1981) was born in New Orleans before his family journeyed to Chicago when he was two years old. Although he never lived in Harlem, Motley's depiction of urban African-American social life identified him with the Harlem Renaissance. Motley painted portraits and scenes in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, home of most of the city's African-American population. Motley's 1943 "Nightlife" is part of Art Everywhere US, showing the motion of jazz through composition.

Charles White (1918–1953) was born in Chicago. His mother, a domestic worker, bought him his first set of oil paints for his seventh birthday. In his career, White was committed to representing the African-American experience, a goal reinforced after he journeyed to the rural South. Art Everywhere US will display White's powerful drawing "Harvest Talk," which depicts two farm hands whose strong and imposing physical presence embody the dignity of their work.

Art Everywhere US spans the history of our nation, from the Revolutionary era to pop artists such as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and James Rosenquist. Supporters and patrons of the arts tell us of the multiple benefits of art education. In August, we'll learn a bit more about great American art and artists, including outstanding art of the Twentieth Century by prominent African-American artists.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CRAIG CONWAY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Craig Conway for his service to the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats as a Pearson Fellow.

The Pearson Fellowship was established as a way for Foreign Service officers to encounter and take part in the legislative process. This highly selective and prestigious position is reserved for those who would secure the strong and enduring relationship between the State Department and Congress. Over the past year Mr. Conway has exemplified these attributes during a particularly active period in transatlantic relations and went above and beyond in his role as a Pearson Fellow. His service to Congress will no doubt be missed by his many friends and colleagues in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, as Mr. Craig Conway prepares to head back to the State Department at the end of this month, it brings me great pleasure to honor him for his service, knowledge, and invaluable experience. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Conway for his work.

RESTORING THE DOCTORS OF OUR COUNTRY THROUGH SCHOLAR- SHIPS ACT OF 2014

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will address the gaping hole in our country's workforce of primary care physicians. Due to the retirement of a generation of physicians, the aging of our population, and the entry into the system of some 30 million newly insured thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we do not have enough primary care doctors to meet demand. One estimate projects a national shortage of approximately 45,000 primary care doctors by 2020. This problem will continue to worsen without a major initiative to produce new physicians.

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Primary care doctors are the front lines of our physician workforce. Under the right conditions, they oversee and coordinate health care for their patients. They educate patients on how to prevent illness and manage chronic conditions. They are the medical generalists who establish long-lasting bonds with patients throughout their lives. Proper primary care is also one of the keys to containing health care costs. On the other hand, inadequate primary care leads to neglected and mismanaged conditions, which causes costly emergencies and illnesses downstream.

I am introducing the RDOCS Act to help solve this problem. Modeled after the successful ROTC program, RDOCS offers full scholarships to medical students in exchange for a 5-year service commitment in a medically underserved area. RDOCS will be administered by the states, which will send RDOCS scholars to their state-operated medical schools. RDOCS officers (as they are known after graduation) will then become licensed and serve as primary care doctors in their state of residence. The program is designed to ensure that at least 4,000 new scholarships are awarded each year.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we are going to get close to universal health coverage in the United States. But universal coverage will not be meaningful if we don't have enough doctors to serve our population. RDOCS is a major step in this effort, and in the future Congress must build upon this program by expanding graduate medical education and creating additional residency slots to train these new doctors. I am optimistic that Congress can demonstrate the leadership needed to restore our physician workforce for the next generation.

THE SIGHTS WE'VE SET: IN HONOR
OF AN AMERICAN HERO, CHRIS
KYLE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in memory of one of Texas's most heroic sons, Navy SEAL Sniper Chris Kyle. Chris was one of the deadliest snipers in American history, with 160 confirmed kills out of 255 claimed by his SEAL brethren. He earned Two Silver Stars, and five Bronze Stars With Valor; and survived six IED attacks, two gunshot wounds, two helicopter crashes, and more surgeries than he could remember in his distinguished career. Sadly, on February 2, 2013, while trying to help a fellow veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, he was shot and killed at a shooting range. His courage, selfless service, and his dedication to his country and family make us all proud. He is survived by his wife Taya. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE SIGHTS WE'VE SET
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

The . . .
The sights . . .
The sights we've set!
All in our moments upon this earth as met
All in our honor that we've so kept!

All in the goals that we've so met!
So reached!
To all our children we must teach!
Of uncommon valor so very deep!
As a United States Navy Seal Chris,
The Legend you now beseech!
And so surpassed,
forever onward to so last!
All in the sights Chris you've so set!
You, Star of Texas so very deep!
All in your Seal of Honor Chris,
you would not so breach!
Throughout your magnificent life so sought
to seek!

Are left behind all of those moments of your
life of now we speak!

About Strength In Honor so very deep!
As why for you Chris we now all so weep!
For such things can only be found,
only in the most courageous of all hearts
which so beat!

When, courage comes to crest!
To but be one of The Very Best!
As a true American Hero no less!
And to march off to war,
so willing to give up all that you love and
adore!

For such ones,
Heaven will so reach!
And ah all of those lives you've saved!
And all of those Mothers whose tears you so
helped not to break!

Not to so weep!
And all of those children now so born,
from all of your Brothers In Arms from
death you'd keep!
For only our Lord so knows this number so
sweet!

And to you this day will speak!
Rest now our most heroic son!
As the eyes and the Hearts of Texas are upon
you this one!

As we pray to our Lord to help your loved
ones to move on!

As SEALED with a kiss we say goodbye!

As here we stand with tear in eye!

To so guide us all,
each and everyone!

All in the sights Chris,

for us you have set!

For now Chris you have but a new war so to
be won!

As an Angel in The Army of our Lord our
most precious son!

To so watch over us from sun to sun!

And we will hear you on the wind!

And feel your Angel's breath upon us,

as Thy Will Be Done!

As we pray up in Heaven one day we all shall
so meet!

As this sight we have so set,

now so seek!

For you were once,

and will forever be . . . one of America's
Best!

So Rest my Son!

As we lay your fine body so down to sleep!

And when there comes a gentle rain,

your tears shall wash down upon your loved
ones to so ease their pain!

Until, up in Heaven you all so meet,

and you won't have to cry no more!

Amen!

TO CONGRATULATE NESHAMINY
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Neshaminy High School for its tradition of academics and foot-

ball and the recent gathering of the school's football community to honor James Franklin, a 1990 graduate who was recently named head football coach at Penn State University. Also, returning to Pennsylvania is Coach Franklin's teammate and fellow graduate, Mike Frederick, who will coach Neshaminy football this year. Both men represent the sportsmanship and scholarship taught by their teachers and coaches at Neshaminy High School as students and they proudly carried it forward. It is a tribute to the families, the community and the school when former students follow the path they traveled in high school on to success and dedicate their professional lives to passing on that tradition of sportsmanship, hard work and discipline. In so doing, they have set an example for their future students and players. They have our best wishes for a bright future.

HONORING DR. BARBARA L.
MCANENY, CHAIR—BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, AMA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a pioneer in the field of medicine, Dr. Barbara McAneny, on her election as Chair of the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees.

Since 1980, Dr. McAneny has called Albuquerque, New Mexico her home. After graduating from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1977 and completing her residency in 1980, Dr. McAneny began her lifelong commitment to the fight against cancer as a Hematology-Oncology Fellow at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Taking her skills to private practice, in 1983, Dr. McAneny began working for Hematology Oncology Associates in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in 1987 cofounded New Mexico Oncology Hematology Consultants Ltd.

Dr. McAneny was also a driving force behind the creation of the New Mexico Cancer Center (NMCC), the largest physician-based cancer treatment institution in the state, where she currently serves as a Managing Partner and CEO. NMCC has continued to lead the country in comprehensive outpatient medical and radiation oncology care and imaging, which it conducts at multiple sites and in underserved rural areas.

She also serves as the Medical Director and CEO of Innovative Oncology Business Solutions. In 2012, they were awarded a \$19.76 million grant to implement a community oncology medical home model in seven practices across the country. This was made possible after years of dedicated research and development by Dr. McAneny and her staff at NMCC.

Dr. McAneny has stormed the medical profession with an unparalleled commitment to results-driven health care and a passion to innovate new methods for treating patients with cancer. This is demonstrated in the numerous accolades and accomplishments throughout her career.

To name a few:

1977: Dr. McAneny received the American Medical Women's Association Award for Scholarly Achievement

1992: Dr. McAneny received the Ayerst-Wyeth Award for Medicine

1996: Dr. McAneny received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Women in New Mexico

1998: Dr. McAneny became Chair of Albuquerque Emergency Medical Services Authority

2000: Dr. McAneny became President of the New Mexico Medical Society

2001: Dr. McAneny became President of the New Mexico Medical Foundation

2001: Dr. McAneny became Chair of Chronic Disease Prevention Council

2002: Dr. McAneny was appointed by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson to the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

2002: Dr. McAneny became a delegate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) to the American Medical Association (AMA)

2003: Dr. McAneny was elected to the AMA Council of Medical Service

2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009: Dr. McAneny received the Top Doc Award, Albuquerque Magazine

2009: Dr. McAneny joined the Community Oncology Alliance Board of Directors

2010: Dr. McAneny received the New Mexico Business Weekly Publication, Women of Influence Award

2010: Dr. McAneny received the ASCO Statesman Award

2010: Dr. McAneny joined the Board of Trustees for the American Medical Association

2011: Dr. McAneny became an Advisory Board Member to RainTree Oncology Services

2013: Dr. McAneny became a Board Member for the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare/Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange

This year, Dr. McAneny was elected to become Chair of the AMA Board of Trustees, the nation's largest and most influential physician organization. There is no candidate more worthy of such an honor than Dr. McAneny, who has fought tirelessly on behalf of her patients.

In fact, Dr. McAneny will tell you:

I've learned a lot from my cancer patients, and every day I see their courage. There have been so many advances in the field and now we actually cure people all the time who years ago would have been lost. And there is a silver lining to cancer—you learn what is important in life, and not to sweat the small stuff.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Dr. McAneny on her election as Chair of the AMA Board of Trustees and her lifelong dedication to cancer research and treatment. Dr. McAneny is an inspiration for future generations of health care professionals across the country, particularly in our community in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Whether that is through her work with a clinic serving the Navajo Nation, and comprehensive efforts to improve telemedicine for these rural areas, to her work to help pass New Mexico's Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Act, which prohibits smoking in indoor public places and workplaces, Dr. McAneny has selflessly fought to improve the lives of New Mexicans.

Any New Mexican will tell you that in the hardest of times, in the deepest of struggles, Dr. McAneny has always been there with words of wisdom, a helping hand, and guiding heart. Dr. McAneny truly is a remarkable woman, and I am proud to call her a dear

friend. I have no doubt that Dr. McAneny will continue to blaze trails in her new role, and develop new ways to provide affordable, reliable, and accessible health care in our country.

REMOVING UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 105. From day one, I have used my voice and my vote to promote peace in Iraq. Now, more than ever, that country and its citizens deserve peace. Accordingly, any decision to escalate our military involvement in this war-torn country must be careful, deliberative, and include Congress. I was proud to be one of the first cosponsors of H. Con. Res. 105, which stipulates that "the President shall not deploy or maintain United States Armed Forces in a sustained combat role in the Iraq without specific statutory authorization for such use enacted after the date of the adoption of this concurrent resolution."

There is no question that sectarian violence in Iraq poses a grave danger to both the country and region's stability. But before military options are put on the table, we must exhaust every possible diplomatic solution. Diplomacy and debate leads to lasting peace and stabilization, and at this point, I do not believe that sending more of our brave women and men to Iraq will win the peace. And I know I am not alone in this call for peace. But while it is one thing to express the desire for peace, it is a perhaps more daunting task to do what it takes to achieve peace. Change is afoot in Iraq's leadership, and I am hopeful they can move swiftly towards a more inclusive government that reflects the diversity of religions and prioritizes the meaningful stability and security for all citizens.

I will continue to watch this situation closely and insist that Congress be consulted for any matter involving U.S. military involvement. The stakes are too high and the cost is too great. I strongly urge you to vote in favor of this resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANK E. PETERSEN, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant General (LtGen) Frank E. Petersen, Jr., the first African-American to serve as a three-star general officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. At the time of his retirement after 38 years, LtGen Petersen was the senior ranking aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy with the respective titles of "Silver Hawk" and "Grey Eagle". He will be honored on July 28, 2014 for his selfless acts and lifetime of dedication to the Marine Corps and his country.

A Topeka, Kansas native, LtGen Petersen enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950 as a Seaman Apprentice where he served as an Electronics Technician. One year later, he entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program, earning his commission and the rank of Second Lieutenant with the U.S. Marine Corps upon the completion of flight school in 1952. LtGen Petersen served during the Korean War, where his first tactical assignment was with Marine Fighter Squadron 212. After flying over 64 combat missions, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his combat leadership and bravery on June 15, 1953. He also flew 250 combat missions during the Vietnam conflict, receiving the Purple Heart after enemy anti-aircraft fire brought down his F-4B over the demilitarized zone. In addition, the Marine Corps Aviation Association honored his Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 (VMFA-314) with the inaugural Robert M. Hanson Award for best fighter attack squadron during the Vietnam conflict.

LtGen Petersen was the first African-American to command a Marine Fighter Squadron, a Marine Air Group, a Marine Aircraft Wing, and a major Marine base. On February 23, 1979, he was promoted to Brigadier General, becoming the first African-American general of the Marine Corps. Prior to his retirement, he served as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Virginia.

Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps on August 1, 1988, LtGen Petersen concluded a military career of remarkable "firsts". He commanded at every level of command and stood as a trailblazer for all Marines. His autobiography, "Into the Tiger's Jaw", is known as the story of the modern U.S. Marine Corps, providing vital insight into the history of Marine aviation as well as the racial integration of the Marine Corps. Throughout the book's narrative, LtGen Petersen reflects on key moments that defined his life's sacrifices, triumphs, and key personal moments in addition to unequivocally chronicling the racial integration of the Marine Corps.

Throughout his career, LtGen Petersen confronted racism inside and outside the Marine Corps. Nevertheless, as he reflects in his book, the Marine Corps ethos enabled Marines to ultimately triumph over racism. Indeed, his life's commands illustrate the Marine Corps' triumph. In 1970, as deteriorating race relations threatened to rend the nation asunder, LtGen Petersen became the Special Assistant for Minority Affairs to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. His guidance to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretary of Defense served the Marine Corps and the country well during this challenging period.

LtGen Petersen spent his civilian years as vice president of corporate aviation for DuPont DeNemours, Inc. He was also appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Education to serve as a Board Member of the Educational Credit Management Corporation.

LtGen Petersen's personal awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with Combat "V"; Distinguished Flying Cross; Purple Heart; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"; Air Force Commendation Medal; Robert M. Hanson Award for the Most Outstanding Fighter

Squadron while assigned in Vietnam, 1968; Man of the Year, NAACP, 1979; Honorary Doctorate, Virginia Union University, 1987; and the Gray Eagle Trophy, August 21, 1987–June 15, 1988.

LtGen Petersen has certainly accomplished many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife of 39 years, Alicia, and his children; Frank III, Gayle, Dana, Lindsey, and Monique.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me, the United States Marine Corps, and all Americans, in extending our sincerest appreciation to Lieutenant General Frank E. Petersen, Jr., an pioneering leader who, in addition to achieving the distinction of a number of “firsts” for African-Americans, has the respect, admiration, and affection of his fellow Marines and leaves behind an outstanding legacy of service and leadership in the Marine Corps of the United States of America.

THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, this weekend we celebrated the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, signed into law by President Bush on July 26, 1990. Twenty-four years later, the ADA remains one of the most significant and comprehensive civil rights laws of our time. Its enactment affirmed our collective belief in America’s fundamental promise of equality and opportunity for all. Today, the ADA and the subsequent ADA Amendments Act—which I was proud to help pass in 2008—continue to open doors and ensure greater access, inclusion and justice for millions of people living with disabilities.

On this anniversary, we honor the civil rights pioneers who championed the ADA and express our sincere gratitude to those who continue the fight to fulfill its promise and expand opportunities for the entire disability community. As someone who has lived with the challenges of a disability since the age of 16, I know firsthand the positive impact the ADA has had on everyday activities for countless Americans. It has broken down barriers to education, employment and technology. It has made public transportation more accommodating, improved voting accessibility, and reduced the prevalence of discrimination throughout communities nationwide. I am proud future generations will live in a world that is more inclusive, more accessible, and increasingly recognizes the unique talents and abilities of individuals with disabilities.

As we celebrate progress, however, we must also acknowledge areas where we have not yet accomplished our goals. Equal employment opportunities and fully integrated community living has not been fully realized; recent data shows 31 percent of disabled individuals live below the poverty line and less than 34 percent are fully employed. It is more important than ever that we educate businesses and connect them with proper resources to create more employment opportunities. We must ensure that transportation is

available and accessible to everyone so they can get to their job, the doctor, or the grocery store. We must also address changes that accompany the modern age, such as fully accessible internet services. And we must ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to reaffirm our country’s longstanding role as a leader in global disability rights.

Clearly, our work is far from done. As we approach the silver anniversary of the ADA, I look forward to reaffirming our commitment to equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities everywhere.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,613,901,518,929.04. We’ve added \$6,987,024,470,015.96 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAKDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the firefighters and residents of Oakdale, Minnesota on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Oakdale Fire Department.

The department was started in 1964 in the garage of local resident Mr. Dean Arnt in what was then the undeveloped community of Northdale. Beginning with a volunteer staff of twelve people, an old Jeep, and an early 1950s model Ford fire truck, what the department lacked in physical resources, it made up in generosity and hard work. Thirteen local residents used their own money to send letters to residents getting the word out about the creation of the department and to ask for donations to build a fire station. A small station was finally built by the volunteer firefighters in 1967, and the department responded to 24 calls during its first year.

The area served by the Oakdale Fire Department has doubled in size since 1964 and the department has expanded with it. Now operating out of two, much larger fire stations, the department employs 40 paid-per-call and eight full-time firefighters. Many of the staff are trained as emergency medical technicians or paramedics who provide support 24 hours. The department now responds to more than 2,000 medical, fire, and rescue calls per year.

Despite its impressive growth, the Oakdale Fire Department still retains its commitment to

the community and stands as an example of the very best in public services funded by taxpayers. Mr. Speaker, the valuable efforts of the Oakdale Fire Department during the past five decades are commendable and worthy of recognition. In honor of many people who have built the success of the Oakdale Fire Department, it is a privilege to submit this statement in honor of its 50th anniversary.

HONORING JAMES RODARTE

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late James Rodarte, a lover of music and photography, and a passionate community leader in Southwest San Antonio. Mr. Rodarte served his community through his vocal advocacy for transportation solutions in Southwest San Antonio.

Mr. Rodarte was born August 12, 1959, to James and Anita Rodarte. He inherited his witty sense of humor from his mother and the two were often caught laughing at their own private jokes. He was adored by his sisters Debra, Diane, Denise, and Dori. Mr. Rodarte attended Ivanhoe and David Crockett Elementary Schools, Edgewood Middle School, and graduated from Kennedy High School in 1978.

Mr. Rodarte had a lifelong passion for music and photography. Every Christmas growing up he turned the family living room into a photo studio, sweetly providing a family portrait as his yearly gift. As an adult he volunteered his time taking pictures of Edgewood High School activities and received particular joy from taking photos of all athletic teams.

A talented musician, Mr. Rodarte played the trombone, drums, and bass guitar. He particularly enjoyed playing his five-string bass with conjuntos. Mr. Rodarte played with the legendary San Antonio Marching Band, and though diabetes may have prevented him from marching, he didn’t let his condition stop him from participating. He would drive the “chase vehicle” behind the band. Whenever a musician tired, they could pull out of the ranks and get into his vehicle to rest for a while.

Mr. Rodarte combined his love of music and photography by taking pictures and videotaping Tejano performances, especially during San Antonio’s yearly Fiesta celebration. He would upload performances to YouTube for the local community to enjoy.

The legacy that Mr. Rodarte will most be remembered for was his dogged campaign to provide relief for the citizens living in the Zarzamora Street and Frio City Road area from traffic delays caused by train traffic. These daily delays forced the community to wait longer than 30 minutes while the trains inexplicably stop in the middle of this residential neighborhood.

Mr. Rodarte spearheaded the community’s demands for a solution. He was a constant presence at City Council and Commissioners Court meetings, presenting a plan to build an overpass to provide relief to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the life of James Rodarte, a lover of music and photography, and a dedicated community leader.

HONORING JEANNINE BAXTER FOR
HER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AT
THE DU QUOIN STATE FAIR

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Jeannine Baxter who is returning for her 25th year as the First Lady of the front office at the Du Quoin State Fair.

Since its beginning in 1923, the Du Quoin State Fair has brought joy and entertainment to generations of families in Southern Illinois and throughout the entire Midwest. And for a quarter of the fair's history, Jeannine Baxter has been greeting fair goers, workers and visiting dignitaries with grace and her ever present smile. Jeannine's love of the fair is infectious and her knowledge and professionalism ensure that everything runs smoothly so everyone is sure to have a good time.

While Jeannine has been at her post for a quarter of a century, the 84 year old shows no sign of slowing down. She worked for 20 years at Illinois Power Company in Du Quoin where her professionalism and enthusiasm proved as much of a joy for customers and staff of that utility company as for the fair goers and staff of the Du Quoin State Fair.

The Du Quoin State Fair opens on Friday, August 22, which has been declared Jeannine Baxter Day at the Fair and Jeannine will serve as Grand Marshal for the opening day parade.

In addition to her work at the fair, Jeannine is active in the community in other roles. She has served for many years on the Du Quoin Park Board, working to improve her home town with recreation and opportunities for young people. She has also worked as an election judge for many, many years and has been a welcoming face both on Election Day and at early voting hours for her neighbors as they participate in the electoral process.

Jeannine has been blessed with a large family, including eight children, 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Her family is a source of great joy for Jeannine especially since they are able to get together for a family reunion every year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Jeannine Baxter well and thanking her for her quarter of a century of service at the Du Quoin State Fair.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FORRESTAL COMPLEX REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2014

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Department of Energy Forrestral Complex Redevelopment Act to direct the General Services Administrator (GSA) to redevelop this site using its authorities to enter into public-private partnerships in accordance with the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCPC) Southwest (SW) Ecodistrict Plan. The Department of Energy (DOE) Forrestral Complex is located at

1000 Independence Avenue SW., and has the potential to serve as a gateway to renewed development in this section of the National Mall area in downtown Washington. For many years, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and its Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management have expressed concern about excess federal property, wasteful spending, energy efficiency, and space utilization practices. This bill, which would maximize use of valuable, centrally located land for public and private uses, responds to this concern.

GSA and DOE have been assessing the needs of the DOE and any costs and benefits associated with disposing of the assets at the complex. In the last few months, GSA released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for two of its properties in close proximity to the DOE Forrestral Complex, the Cotton Annex and the GSA Regional Office Building, which are part of the SW Ecodistrict Plan. Portions of the Forrestral Complex lie between these two parcels, and their redevelopment will aid the in the realization of the SW Ecodistrict Plan, which has been embraced by the NCPC and the District of Columbia.

Redevelopment of the Forrestral Complex will enable mixed-use development, and it would accommodate the uses agreed to in the SW Ecodistrict Plan. The plan includes a modern headquarters for DOE that combines reduced but more efficient utilization of federal government office space, more sustainable practices to preserve energy and water, and the possible location of a nationally significant museum or memorial. In addition, it would bring the SW Ecodistrict closer to fruition.

I urge my colleagues to support this timely, important legislation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER PETER T. COURTNEY ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND TO OUR NATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Commander Peter T. Courtney, on his retirement after 24 years of Commissioned Service to the United States Navy and for his extraordinary dedication to duty and to the United States of America.

I have worked with Commander Courtney personally over the past five years—first in 2009, when he was a Defense Legislative Fellow assigned to my office, and then for three years as the Deputy Director, Appropriations Liaison in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller). I would like to share with you some highlights of his fine career.

Commander Peter Courtney graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. Following Commissioning and flight school, he was designated a Naval Flight Officer. He reported to his first sea assignment aboard USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71) flying the F-14 Tomcat. He then transferred to Navy Fighter Weapons School for duty as a

TOPGUN Instructor. He later reported to Fighter Squadron Thirty Two (VF-32) aboard USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) and participated in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and direct action missions during Operation DESERT FOX. After he completed his Master of Arts degree at the Naval War College he reported to USS *George Washington* (CVN-73) participating in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM.

Peter served with distinction in a variety of assignments ashore: as Aide to then Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vern Clark; Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management & Comptroller) as a Congressional Appropriations Liaison; and with Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Staff for the Naval Aviation Enterprise, including Adversary Aircraft Requirements, Acquisition Reform, and Manpower Planning and Resourcing.

After completing a Military Legislative Fellowship, Commander Courtney reported to his current assignment as Deputy Director Navy Appropriations Matters Office where he helped the Department of the Navy achieve their financial and legislative goals. For nearly four years, Commander Courtney has demonstrated exceptional leadership and foresight, engaging Members of the Appropriations Committee and its Staff to provide information essential to resourcing the Navy for its role as the world's dominant sea power. In an increasingly difficult budget environment, Commander Courtney provided essential support in shepherding three Navy budgets through the appropriations process. Peter served our Navy and nation with integrity, insight and dedication. My office, the subcommittee staff, and I have found him to be a pleasure to work with and all respect his professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Commander Peter T. Courtney for his extraordinary dedication to duty and steadfast service to this country throughout his distinguished career. We wish Peter, "Fair Winds and Following Seas," as he leaves the Naval Service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN RESTORATION ACT OF 2014

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Columbia River Basin Restoration Act, a bill that would bring much needed resources to cleaning up toxic pollution in the Columbia River Basin. The Columbia River is the largest river in the Pacific Northwest. The River and its tributaries provide significant ecological and economic benefits to the Pacific Northwest and the entire United States. Historically, the Columbia and its tributaries have constituted the largest salmon-producing river system in the world, with annual returns peaking at 16 million fish.

The Columbia River was designated an Estuary of National Significance in 1995 and a Large Aquatic Ecosystem (LAE) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2006. Yet it remains the only LAE to receive zero

Congressional funding—despite a growing problem of toxic contamination throughout the River Basin.

Toxics are present throughout the Columbia River Basin, and are harmful to humans, fish, and wildlife. These contaminants make their way into fish tissues, which, when consumed, can be harmful for human health. Some of these toxics are known to cause cancer, and have been linked with neurological, developmental and reproductive problems, including birth defects and learning disabilities. This concern is particularly pressing for tribal populations, who consume local fish in large quantities.

Last year, the States of Oregon and Washington issued fish advisories warning the public to protect itself against mercury and PCB contamination by limiting consumption of resident fish species living in the 150 mile stretch of river between Bonneville and McNary Dams.

This bill would authorize the EPA to establish a voluntary, competitive Columbia River Basin grants program for projects that assist in eliminating or reducing pollution, improving water quality, monitoring, and promoting citizen engagement. Eligible entities may include States, Indian tribes, local governments, nonprofits, and private landowners. The legislation authorizes \$50 million per year for five years for this effort, which are estimated to create between 700 and 1,000 family wage jobs per year in the region.

This bill is supported by a diverse group of stakeholders including the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, and Salmon-Safe. Now is the time to clean up the Columbia River and improve water quality and river health for generations to come.

CHILD TAX CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4935, the Child Tax Credit Improvement Act. Under current law, the child tax credit is not indexed for inflation. The bill before us today would index the child tax credit for inflation, as well as achieve the important step of abolishing the so-called “marriage penalty” in current tax code.

Importantly, the Child Tax Credit Improvement Act also contains a provision to require those filers claiming the refundable portion of the tax credit to provide a Social Security Number. This seems like pure common sense, but right now, the IRS accepts the use of the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to get this credit. An ITIN number demonstrates only that someone has taxable income, not that they are in the country legally. In fact, a 2011 Treasury Inspector General report found that \$4.2 billion in refundable tax credits were issued to individuals not authorized to work in the United States.

In this Congress and in the 112th Congress, I cosponsored legislation to require the inclusion of a Social Security Number on a tax re-

turn as a prerequisite to receiving the refundable portion of the child tax credit, and I am glad to see the inclusion of that language in the bill before us today.

Mr. Speaker, while we must take steps to reduce the burden on hardworking parents in this nation, I also believe that we must work to ensure that people do not abuse our tax system to receive tax credits for which they are not eligible. The legislation before us today accomplishes both of those goals.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATION OF JANICE JENNINGS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Janice Jennings who is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the Capstone College of Nursing at the University of Alabama.

Mrs. Jennings was born in Anniston, Alabama. She graduated from Saks High School and went on to attend Gadsden State University, where she got her degree in Nursing. In 1983, Jan married her husband Jeff and soon after in 1987, her only daughter, Jessica, was born. Jan went on to receive her Business degree from Jacksonville State University in 1989. Perhaps most notably, Jan welcomed another addition into the Jennings' household in 2010: a labradoodle named Tully.

Although she lives in North Carolina now, Jan remains a dedicated fan of the University of Alabama. This dedication to her beloved Crimson Tide has led her to pursue a degree from the University. Through hard work and dedication, she will be achieving a lifelong goal on August 2, when she walks across the stage in Coleman Coliseum to receive her degree.

Mr. Speaker, we join her family and friends in celebrating Jan's accomplishments and congratulating her with a hearty Roll Tide.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ALEKSEY BOLOTNIKOV, AND DR. RALPH JAMES OF BROOKHAVEN NA- TIONAL LABORATORY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brookhaven National Laboratory, located in my congressional district and recognized by R&D Magazine for developing a novel radiation detection technology.

Often referred to as the “Oscars of Innovation,” the annual R&D 100 Awards are given to the top 100 most technologically significant products each year from around the world. I am proud that this prestigious honor has been bestowed upon Long Island's own Brookhaven National Laboratory, which is jointly managed by Stony Brook University and Battelle for the Department of Energy (DOE).

A team of scientists led by Dr. Aleksey Bolotnikov and Dr. Ralph James at Brookhaven developed GammaScout, a compact hand-held high-resolution radiation detector, as well as the electronics and software to make it functional. This project was funded by the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation research and development program.

The GammaScout technology will be especially useful in tracking the movement of radioactive materials and the imaging of radiopharmaceuticals in oncology and cardiology. Its application could also be used in real-time dosimeters, x-ray radiography, mineral exploration, and materials sorting and recycling. As a result, this new technology has the potential to improve our homeland and national security, protect first responders and the environment, and even make it easier to diagnose disease and save lives.

This detector technology works at room temperature, making it particularly unique and useful in the field. Previous technologies had to be cryogenically cooled for the same high-resolution radiation detection, thus confining critical work to a laboratory setting.

I am very proud to recognize Dr. Bolotnikov, Dr. James and their team of scientists, which also included colleagues from Korea University for winning one of only 32 R&D 100 Awards given to DOE laboratories. This speaks volumes about the value of these labs and the importance of their contributions to the nation, economy, and national security.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New York's First Congressional District, I congratulate the scientists and laboratory leadership for this well-deserved award. It is a timely reminder that Brookhaven National Laboratory remains a valuable asset to Long Island, New York, and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH FROEHLICH

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, posthumously, and the many contributions he has made as a dedicated public servant in Union County and a beloved leader in the State of New Jersey.

Sheriff Froehlich was a great man and an incredible public servant. Following his eight year service in the United States Marine Corp, he had sought a career in law enforcement. He had faithfully served as Sheriff of Union County since 1977 and was in his thirteenth term.

Sheriff Froehlich was a pioneer in law enforcement, starting many programs to protect the county, including gun safety programs for children and teens; ‘Union County's Most Wanted’ television program, which led to the apprehension of over 80 Union County murderers and felons; the Missing Persons Unit and Domestic Violence Unit; and a K-9 Search and Rescue Unit. In an effort to share services with other law enforcement agencies, Sheriff Froehlich implemented a Municipal Transportation Program to assist local police departments. He also vociferously spoke out in favor of more regulations on guns.

From his time in the U.S. Marines to becoming the longest-serving County Sheriff in New Jersey history, Ralph has for decades set the standard for what it means to defend and protect. He will be remembered for his commitment to keeping the people and families of Union County safe and for always working toward the betterment of the community. On behalf of the people of New Jersey and certainly the people of Union County, we are grateful.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Sheriff Froehlich's family, to the Union County Sheriff's Department, to the people of Union County, and to all the people who loved and respected Ralph. His leadership will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives agree that Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich deserves to be recognized for a job well done and his many years of service to the people of the State of New Jersey. This tribute recognizes his life's work, namely a stellar career and a personal commitment to protecting our community.

RESTORING THE DOCTORS OF OUR COUNTRY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS VETERANS AFFAIRS ACT OF 2014

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will address the shortage of physicians at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs. As we have learned from recent events, long wait times at VA facilities are, in part, a consequence of understaffing and a doctor shortage. The lack of primary care physicians in VA facilities is particularly troubling. Recently, the VA estimated that it had about 400 unfilled vacancies for primary care doctors.

Through the Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, the VA currently provides for loan repayment and scholarships that fund the education and training of a range of health providers. Unfortunately, Educational Assistance Program benefits are limited and, as currently designed, the program does little to encourage primary care physicians to work at the VA. Furthermore, recent proposals to reform the VA do not go far enough to emphasize training VA doctors who are committed to the practice of primary care medicine.

That is why I am introducing the RDOCS-VA Act, legislation that will strengthen the Educational Assistance Program. Modeled after the successful ROTC program, RDOCS-VA will provide scholarships and stipends covering the full cost of attending medical school, in exchange for a five-year commitment to service as primary care doctors at the VA. RDOCS-VA is designed to directly address the VA's needs by requiring the creation of a minimum of 400 RDOCS-VA scholarships, with flexibility to award even more scholarships in the future.

Once fully implemented, the RDOCS-VA program will be an important tool to ensure that our veterans have access to primary care. As part of future efforts, Congress must build upon this program by expanding graduate

medical education and creating additional residency slots at VA facilities. This will allow us to train primary care doctors who are fully prepared to serve our veterans for years to come.

66 REPS, TO BE THE BEST . . . A TRIBUTE TO ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER AND THE AMERICAN DREAM ON HIS 66TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and The American Dream on his 66th birthday. This world renowned Championship body builder, turned Movie Star Icon, to Governor of California is the antifascist of The American Dream. He is a champion for physical fitness and children's causes. He is living proof that hard work and believing in yourself has no limits in America. I ask that this poem penned in honor of his 66th birthday by Albert Carey Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

66 REPS, TO BE THE BEST . . .

66 Reps!
To Be The Best!
Will we LEAD, or will we rest?
Do we BUILD on our success?
But To Be The Best!
Will we fall,
or will we CREST?
Do we follow,
or will we LEAD?
Showing our world,
what it is that she so NEEDS!
Do we make our lives FULL,
or shallow?
DO WE LIVE LARGE NOT NARROW?
DO WE WORK OUT, AND DO IT NOW?
Do we CRUSH IT?
To find VICTORY as such it!
Only by living the GOLDEN RULE,
will we so SHINE like a jewel!
While, PUMPING UP our world so full!
All to BLESS HER,
as Arnold has done oh so yes sir!
What will we give all in our time?
To this our world ALL IN OUR LIVES!
Do we TERMINATE doubt,
when that's all people talk about?
And what do we so create,
with each new rep that we so take?
And say, "GET OUT!"
In each brand new shining day!
Do we BEEF IT?
DO WE FEEL THE BURN?
AND FOR GREATNESS SO YEARN!
And are we NOT AFRAID to fail!
Because that's the only way TO VICTORY
NAIL!
And will you give ALL OF your HEART and SOUL?
For that's the only way TO TURN YOUR DREAMS INTO GOLD!
STRETCHING OURSELVES,
so beyond belief out on our life's road!
As we GROW,
and to this world convey!
Saying HASTA LA VISTA BABY,
to those who NO say!
And "GET OUT" of my way!
All in what our LIVES'S so have to say!
Leaving DYNAMIC GAINS all in our wake's!
So all in our HEARTS what we CREATE!
All in what WE GIVE and TAKE!
And what is The True Measure of a Man?

The ONE who before us now so stands?
For LIFE is so very short!
So then what is it that we HOPE to sport?
All in the days of our LIVES report!
And who do we LIFT UP?
When in tough times BELIEVING and NEVER GIVING UP?
To make all of our lives so BUFF!
All in our life's REP'S as such!
Do we dare to PUSH THE ENVELOPE?
TO MAKE DYNAMIC GAINS all in our approach!
Giving to all such HOPE!
All in what our HEART'S INVOKE!
For we only have so many REP'S!
For this our world to so BLESS!
All TO BE THE BEST!
For WE MUST BE BOLD,
For WE MUST BE STRONG!
For WE MUST WORK HARD, all night and day long!
If we are to WRITE our life's song!
And as the years progress!
SOME of us shall not grow old!
Men like Arnold NEVER DO SO!
Whose HEART'S never run cold!
For his is THE HEART of a CHILD yo!
Who see's the GOOD IN ALL HE BEHOLD'S!
Whose SMILE TO ALL HEART'S CALL'S SO!
Who NEVER STOP'S BELIEVING,
as new DREAMS he's CONCEIVING!
For he knows not the word DEFEAT even!
And FAILURE is not an option CONCEIVING!
All in his Austrian-American HEART which is BEATING!
Is a HEART of a CHILD,
who against all odds is COMPETING!
As he let's his DREAMS run wild!
With his greatest of all SMILES,
and CHAMPIONSHIP style!
And if you want to get TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP?
You've got to CLIMB STRAIGHT UP!
66 REP'S, but there's a lot more left!
In this American Hero be assured!
Maybe, SIXTY-SIX MORE?
WORK OUT, DO IT NOW!
66 REP'S TO BE THE BEST!
Happy 66th Birthday Arnold!

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 30

Time to be announced

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 1463, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, the nominations of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers Study Resolution relating to San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Channels, California, and General Services Administration resolutions.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 1049 and H.R. 2166, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 1437, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon, S. 1554, to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, S. 1605, for the relief of Michael G. Faber, S. 1640, to facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects within Lincoln County, Nevada, S. 1888 and H.R. 1241, bills to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, S. 2123, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota, S. 2616, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, H.R. 1684, to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

To hold hearings to examine flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements.

SD-538

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, S. 1618, to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, S. 1396, to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire, S. 2640, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, S. 2547, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 2323, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. 2664, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Authorization Act of 2014, S. 2651, DHS OIG Mandates Revision Act of 2014, H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, S. 2665, Emergency Information Improvement Act of 2014, S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, S. 2247, to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building", H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office", H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office", H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz

Memorial Post Office", H.R. 3765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building", and the nominations of Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the next steps for the "Violence Against Women Act" (VAWA), focusing on protecting women from gun violence.

SD-106

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Children and Families

To hold hearings to examine paid family leave, focusing on the benefits for businesses and working families.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine domestic challenges and global competition in aviation manufacturing.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine "The African Growth and Opportunity Act" at 14, focusing on the road ahead; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Maria Cancian, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Family Support, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

SD-215

2:15 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine pricing policies and competition in the contact lens industry.

SD-226

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the impact of Medicare observation status on seniors.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain

Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country.

SD-628

JULY 31

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine financial products for students, focusing on issues and challenges.

SD-538

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

SD-215

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report on expectations of government support for bank holding companies.

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Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

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CANCELLATIONS

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10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

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